MEMORANDUM FOR:

Mr. Charles G. Stefan

Director, Office of Soviet and Eastern

European Exchanges Department of State

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Mr. Raymond Pardon

SUBJECT

US-USSR Forestry Cooperation

REP

: Letter from John R. McGuire of the Forest Service of the US Department of Agriculture to G. I. Vorobyev of the USSR State Committee for Science and Technology

dated 5 July 1973

- 1. In response to your request, we forwarded to the Interagency Intelligence Advisory Group on Exchanges (IIAGE) the proposals for US-USSR Cooperation in Forestry as contained in the referenced letter.
- 2. From the viewpoint of technological loss and gain the USSR will benefit far more from a cooperative activity in forestry then the US would. For that reason we wish to point out that the Soviets have a great amount of experience in the area of shelter belts, an area which does appear among the proposed fields of cooperation. We suggest, therefore, that the Porest Service may wish to consider the inclusion of this topic in future discussions with the Soviets.
- 3. We have no further comments on this proposal at this time. We do have a degree of interest in the Forestry Cooperation and we request to be kept informed of future developments.

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